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A Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

A New Year is Coming! We Wish You: Prosperity, Longevity, Happiness, Success

United Church

Empress:
Sunday School, 2:00 p.m.
Public Worship, 7:30 p.m.
Subject: "The River of Time."
Text: "All the rivers run into the sea."—Eccles. 1:7.
"The years have brought you their finest gift, if they have taught you to be kind."
Rev. Geo. A. Shields,
Minister.

Support The Home Town

The following is taken from the Alaska News of last week: "On behalf of the Alaska Board of Trade, I feel it a duty to urge everyone to deal with local merchants as much as possible in the purchase of Christmas gifts and supplies. Money is piling up in the large centres to the detriment of the local farmer and business man alike. This is a fact that must be faced. A dollar spent at home is a dollar which will remain to circulate here and help in the upkeep of our schools, hospitals, etc., a dollar spent in the large centres goes towards the upkeep of that place. Again, merchants have stocked heavily and are selling at a close margin. Never were prices marked down as they have been this year. 'Buy British' and buy at home. And everybody support your local paper for everything in printing."
Yours truly,
G. E. Tracy, Secretary.

Stewart MacPherson, is home for the holidays.

School Report

Report of Senior Intermediate Room

Grade VIII.
Melville Boswell, 76.8
Lester Nickel, 76.5
Vera Lyster, 76.5
Rawley McCune, 73.3
Mildred Hara, 70.7

Grade VII.
Maxie Pawlak, 80.8
Bill Crocker, 77.2
Harold Fraser, 71.8
Bill Lyster, 70
Wilmar Highmore, 67.3
Corinne MacPherson, 66.3
Stanley Pawlak, 62.1
Jack McCune, 53.8

Grade VI.
Harvey Boswell, 88
Robert Miller, 80.6
Frank Oswald, 80.6
Edwin Pawlak, 77.4
Phyllis Hopkins, 72
Dolly Nickel, 70.8
Mary Hopkins, 69.5
Bob Campbell, 69.5
Irene Dark, 66.3
Teacher: Mildred E. Arthur.

Notice

Owing to our publishing day coming in between the two holidays, there will be no issue of the paper next week. We trust to have the goodwill of our subscribers and supporters for this omission.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Mike Skappak, Monday, December 21, a daughter.

Miss B. Maxwell, is spending the Christmas at the home of her parents in Calgary.

United Church Christmas Tree And Entertainment

The United Church Christmas Tree and Entertainment was held in the United Church on Tuesday evening, December 23. There was a very large attendance present, and the children had a very good time. The various items on the program gave evidence of the large amount of work that had been done by the teachers and those in charge of the entertainment and helpers. Altogether the event was well carried through, and went off very smoothly. The culminating event of the evening for the youngsters was the appearance of Santa Claus and the distribution of the toys and the children were home joyful and contented with the evening's doings.

The following was the program of the entertainment:
Welcome song.
Prayer.

Orchestra, Juniors.
"Jolly Old Saint Nicholas," by Beginners.
"Dances of Christmas Candles," by Primary.
Recitation, Shirley Sibley.
Drill Song, by Golden Key class.

Recitation, by Kay Munroe and Leslie Robertson.
Duet, by Corinne MacPherson and Florence McNellie.
"The Toy-maker's Dream," Little Soldiers.

Crazy Skit Melodrammer, by C.G.I.T.
Piano Solo, Jimmy Usher.
Song, Junior C.G.I.T.
Song, by Golden Key.
"Cowboys Christmas," Junior boys.

"Star of Ages," by School Christmas Tree.

C.P.R. Non-Resident Rail-roads Goodwill Dance

Non-resident members of the C.P.R. crews who are stationed here put on a free dance in the theatre on Monday night and gave a public invitation to all citizens to attend. The event was a public appreciation by the railroaders of the efforts of the community to provide entertainment for them. The dance was a very enjoyable one, was well attended and lasted until 2 a.m. Mr. N. D. Storey, on behalf of the townspeople, voted a few words of thanks for the very friendly spirit shown by the railroaders.

The Empress BAKERY

Greetings:
A Very Merry Christmas
and a
Prosperous New Year

MURRAY
The Baker

Cleveland School Christmas Concert

A very enjoyable concert was held in the basement of the Cleveland Church, on Thursday, December 10th by the children of the Cleveland School. It was well attended both by the ratepayers and many others. The children performed their part very well. Mr. J. L. Shubert, Secretary-Treasurer of the District, acted as chairman of the entertainment.

The concert was opened with, "O Canada."

Recitation by Allen Gill. Christmas doll dialogue by the smaller children. Recitation by Otto Will. Negro sketch by U. Gill and E. Janot. Recitation by Lyle Gill. Song by Stella Shubert. Recitation by Florence Smarzyk. Recitation by Reginald Matz. Doll drill. Recitation by Stephen. Rafe. Recitation by Willie Will. Negro Sketch by Louis Rafe and Lyle Gill. Recitation by Emma Janot. Bits of new Dialogue. Recitation by E. Janot. Negro sketch by E. Rafe and L. Rafe. Recitation by Marion Janot. Recitation by Carl Gill. Song by the school children. Recitation by Joseph Shubert.

The Christmas tree.
Recitation by Erwin Radford. Pantomime, "Good Santa Claus." Recitation, Lena Janot. Negro sketch by E. Janot and Florence Smarzyk. Recitation by Herbert Janot. Recitation by Stella Shubert. Negro motion song, Recitation by Frella Will, Kentucky Brass. Band music, Recitation by Allen Gill. Negro sketch by Stephen. Rafe and Irving Radford. Recitation by Genevieve Rafe. Recitation by Stella Rafe. "Joke," by Reggie Matz and Willie Will. Monologue, "Seven Strangers Seede Forner," by Frank Rafe. Recitation by Edwin Janot. Recitation by Annie Shubert.

The concluding number was, "Christmas Speakin'" in Shag's School, a comedy in one act. Followed by "God Save the King."

Then the Santa Claus arrived and distributed the prizes to the children. Refreshments were then served.

Prizes were given by the teacher for the best standing in school during the whole year was awarded to Lyle Gill for the highest mark obtained in the mid-season examination was awarded to Emma Janot for the highest number of Gold Stars earned in the mid-season. P. 12, Willie Will, Annie Shubert, second prize.
Many thanks to Miss A. E. Bubbick the teacher of the school for the hard work she has done in preparing the children for this concert and for the kind service she has rendered to the district during the whole year. This was a hard school with many different grades. Everyone in the district was well satisfied with Miss Bubbick and with the good work she has been doing. She has been well liked by the children of school.

Catholic Church Christmas Services

Empress—Mid-Night Mass at 12:00 o'clock sharp.
Scripture Text: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of goodwill." (Luke Chap. 2, verse 14.) This Church service is open to citizens in general.
Cleveland—11 a.m., Low Mass; 11:30 a.m., High Mass.
Reverend Father Sullivan.

Spell It In Full

Clergymen of many of the denominations have joined in a protest against the abbreviation of the word "Christmas." They declare that writing it "Xmas" is irreverent and should not be permitted. It is said that with one exception letters sent out to Christian leaders brought replies in protest against the abbreviated form of using the word. If not irreverent, certainly it is not good taste and spoils the appearance of one of the finest words in the whole language.

The protest is timely for many reasons. There is no occasion for abbreviating the name of Christ. Moreover, Christmas is an event that appeals to nearly all, both non-believers as well as believers. It signifies much more than a religious observance. Nearly all the world, non-Christians as well as those who observe the day as the birth of their Lord and Saviour, make Christmas the occasion for good deeds. It makes a sort of spiritual revival that affects the people of all faiths and creeds. It is

St. Mary the Virgin (Anglican Church)

Christmas day, Carol Service at 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, the 26th, Feast of St. Stephen (First Martyr). Holy Communion, 11:30 a.m.
Sunday the 27th, Feast of St. John the Evangelist. Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.

New Year's Day, Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.
3rd of January, 2nd Sunday after Christmas, Evensong and Sermon, 7:30 p.m.
Austine School, 3rd of January, Morning Service, at 11 a.m.
Rev. J. P. Horne.

the time when all mankind is drawn closer together; when selfishness is more nearly crucified than at any other season of the year; when men of all beliefs vie with each other in the doing of good deeds. Hearts are softened at this season of the year, and acts that at other times would be quickly done, are done; the time being, at least, marked by qualities of conscience. The better and finer impulses of mankind, that often during months appear to be submerged by the selfish desires of the flesh, are for a brief period in the ascendancy.

For all these reasons the word "Christmas" is now come to be one of the noblest and most inspiring in the language. To the devout followers of the lowly Nazarene it is the occasion for the celebration with peace of those and songs of thanksgiving for the coming of man's redeemer; to the non-Christian it is a time of reflection (cont. on back page)

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To Our Many Customers
and Friends we Extend
Best Wishes for a
Merry Christmas
and **Health, Happiness**
and **Bountiful Harvests**
in the New Year.

The Alberta Pacific Grain Company Ltd.
No. 4

Holm,

Professor Will Test Theory

Has Idea As To Migration Habits Of Birds

What makes birds go north in the autumn and north in the spring? Dr. William Rowan, professor of zoology at the University of Alberta, believes it is certain internal organs which are affected by sunlight. In spring the lengthening days and increased sunlight inspires the northward movement and in autumn the reverse.

To test his theory Prof. Rowan will turn loose several hundred crows here next week and will attempt to trace their movements over Alberta and Saskatchewan. One group will be just ordinary crows which have been kept in cages under ordinary conditions. The other group will also be just ordinary crows except that they have been fed with artificial light increasing doses over the past few months.

Instead of the normal shortening days of autumn the key birds in the experiment have been treated to lengthening days and are expected to fly north while their fellows who have not had the benefit of modern electricity are expected to migrate in the usual belated departure for the sunny south.

Each bird is tagged with a number and a record of its history since capture is on file. Farmers, sportsmen and hunters are asked to assist by capturing as many crows as possible and sending them to the university. In this way the movement of the birds is to be traced. A total of \$100 in prizes with a maximum of \$10 for the return of one bird is offered. A drawing from the numbers then the birds are released will determine the crows for whose return the prizes will be rewarded.

The crows are now at Edmonton and to cause them as little disturbance as possible they will be brought here by special aeroplane and the crows turned out independently at intervals of ten miles within a few minutes of each other.

Hudson Bay Navigation

Boats Still Moving About Freely At Churchill

Winter is slowly settling over Hudson's Bay and Sirala, according to radio advice, but the ice around the river mouth was loose. No open water was in sight at Chesterfield and Nottingham reported close-packed ice to the north and west with loose ice to the south. Along the shore was reported from Resolution while at Hopes Advance there was no ice in sight.

In the Churchill River and the waters of Hudson Bay boats have been able to move about so far as freely as in summer.

Completing their summer's work 45 men left for their homes in Winnipeg, Regina and The Pas. The next train will take another 20, leaving about 25 who will work after the buildings and the port works.

Caring For Old War Horse

Sam, the famous Welsh equine hero of the World War who was wounded in France, is not to be converted into meat. When the town council of Pwllheli, Wales, announced that Sam's days of usefulness were over and that he would be deported to Belgium to be slaughtered, the Pwllheli people arose in indignation. They raised \$20, bought the 30-year-old horse from the town and found a permanent home for him.

Claims Knowledge Of Treasure

A Hindu, named Dewan Lakshminchandra, claims to know the exact location in the Punjab of a treasure said to be worth about \$500,000, buried beneath the now deserted site of an ancient city two thousands of years.

"A widow," remarks a writer, "always has more power over young men than a flapper."



"I will not buy a vacuum cleaner, but I will tell you where to dispose of it."

"Where?"

"Open a shop in the Sahara." — Where Jakob, Berlin.

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A Wise Statement

Place To Raise Children Is Inside Family Income

Some one has said that the best place to raise children is inside the family income.

It is a pretty wise statement and is particularly applicable to this day and generation of both parents and children.

There was a time, not so far away either, when children were not only raised within the family income, but in many, if not most cases, family income was not a term, family income being materially to that same family income.

In those days children had no say in it, and what caused the family purse strings would be loosened. When they wanted money for some particular occasion, they asked humbly for it and if, after due consideration on the part of the parent, it was given, it was usually cents and not dollars they received.

Such contributions were always received with thank, no matter what difference there might be between the amount desired and the amount received, because no child ever held on hundred per cent. expectations of having money requests fulfilled.

Apart from expenditures on education and these were not of frequent occurrence, the family income was not a term, and the child, by the education the boy or the girl was expected to and did contribute some, if not all the cost.

And if higher education was not within the reach, was not desired, a child got a job, not for the purpose of getting spending money, but with the purpose of being self supporting, and if he lived at home, of contribution to the support of the rest of the family.

Today we are pretty far removed from the customs of those other days. Today the family income is expected by or on the children, and if it isn't large enough, the parents will hear about it.

Children have pretty much departed from the old custom of asking for things. They demand. Parents are all lined up as providers. But they are expected to provide considerable cake and jelly along with the milk.

But, while a parent, in fact parents, it takes more than one to meet the demands of today, are still expected to provide, they are not desired or expected to be either guides or guardians. They are too old fashioned, too far behind the times to be capable of acting in those capacities.

It is in this situation that is the cause of much of the hard times we are complaining about. Children have had too much cake and jam, too much money to spend, too little work to do, and they have learned to expect work, and until they will, never learn the value of money.

Of course, the parents are to be blamed. It is one of the troubles of recent years. It will never be easier than right now, for the average parent has to be a provider, and a sensible way of living and that can only be accomplished by raising the family in the right place and that is within the family income.

Sign Was Too Attractive

Merchants of Dingwall, Scotland, decided that during the annual Midweek this year they would make a hit with visitors by having all signs over their stores in Gaelic. One non-Gaelic business man got a neighbor to write an advertisement of his wares. When a crowd strolled by the place the merchant learned that his sign advertised that any customer coming into the store at a certain time would get "three free drinks." And down came the sign in record time.

Butter Exports Grow

The current issue of the Dairy Market Report issued by the Department of Agriculture shows butter exports for 1931 to date at 150,600 packages as compared with 4,880 packages for the corresponding date last year. Cheese exports this year to date totaling \$13,058 boxes are 36,206 boxes ahead of last year, while cheese offered for grading at 11,312 boxes to date for 1931 is 100,000 boxes behind last year.

Final Census Figures

Canada's population of 10,353,719, an increase of 1,556,829 over the census of a decade ago, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has announced. British Columbia has a population of 689,210 as compared with 324,842 in 1921. The Yukon has a population of 4,213 as compared with 1,157 ten years ago, and the Northwest Territories 7,133 as against 7,888 in 1921.

Wonders Never Cease

New Method Of Freezing Foods Is One Of Latest

What would your grandparents say if they heard you ask your local merchant for a carton of porthouse steak or green peas? Perhaps this strikes you as peculiar, but almost before you realize it you may be doing this very thing.

Developments in using so-called quick-freezing foods indicate that extensive changes in our food supply system are coming.

Scientists point out that with the recent discovery of a process for rendering foods virtually imperishable while kept in a hard-frozen state, a means has been found by which the flavour, texture and appearance of meats, vegetables and other perishable foods can be safe-guarded for long periods.

Following the statement by Clarence Birdseye, quick-freezing inventor, that nearly 50 cents of the average consumer's food dollar is spent for perishable foods, economists say that the new method of treating foods promises to improve several economic conditions.

Among these promised aids are stabilization of prices for food crops; ironing out the peaks and valleys of reasonable food prices to the public; and saving huge quantities of perishable foods that would presently be sold through clogged market channels.

To the public, probably the most significant aspect of quick-freezing foods will be the change they will bring to the familiar food store.

Already, in the minds of thousands of people familiar with quick-frozen foods, porthouse steak and oysters and green peas are just ordinary grocery items, like breakfast food and crackers and coffee.

Packed on wheels in quick-freezing bins before they are sent to the food product stores are displayed in stores from low-temperature deep freezers as simply as canned beans and tins full are sold off the shelves, with no waiting while meat is being cut, trimmed, weighed and packed or while vegetables and fruits are being examined, picked over and put into bags.

It is said that prices for quick-frozen foods will probably be lower than for the same kinds and grades of unfrozen foods, because quick-freezing the products near their source eliminates spoilage and waste, and because costs of transporting and handling will be greatly reduced.

Lucky Find For Texan

Grocery Wealthy Selling Hens From Cattle Lot In 1912

Remains of a lost herd of longhorn cattle, famous in the history of the Texas range, have been found by L. D. Bertillon, of Minola, Texas, and their horns have made him wealthy.

In 1912 John Doner's herd of 200 longhorns was stampeded in a storm near Terlingua Creek. The animals were not found until traced to a nearby canyon to be a cave opening and found a great heap of bones and horns. Bertillon has since sold more than \$50,000 worth of horns and is now negotiating for a sale to the Prince of Wales.

Germany's Heaviest Man

Robert Ruggendorf, the heaviest man in Germany, has died at 81 years. He weighed 339 pounds and made a living by exhibiting his bulk. He could not be moved by train so used his own special motor truck. The front door of his house was twice as wide as those of his neighbors.

Desire For Disarmament

Italian Foreign Minister Pleads For Arms Reduction

Dino Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, pledged for Italy "all our strength and all our heart" at the February Geneva conference in support of the desire for disarmament which already has given his nation "much encouragement."

In an address to the Foreign Policy Association, Signor Grandi stressed the cause of arms reduction as a prerequisite for solution of world economic and financial problems.

He described the Geneva conference as a "great test in which the people of the world will soon show whether or not their conscience and their spirit are ripe for making a great stride towards progress."

He cautioned "spectacular" suggestions should be expected from the conference, saying his nation would be satisfied if success were achieved in stopping competition.

Gave All She Had

Woman Offered Engagement Ring In Payment Of Ad For Work

When the mail was opened in the office of the Madison (Wis.) Star Journal office recently a diamond ring was found carefully and neatly wrapped in a jewelry shop. The ring was her engagement diamond, sent in lieu of cash to pay for an advertisement. "I know you are not running a pawn-shop or a jewelry shop," she wrote, "but it is all I have to offer."

Needless to say the item was returned and the advertisement published dead-head. Nor did the State Journal make a story of the woman's identity.

The editors did look her up and proceeded to try to find a place for her as housekeeper for an elderly family, which is what she wanted.

If O. Henry were present he might do justice to this little tragedy, in words which would touch the hearts of millions.

Girls Run "Pearl Hospital"

"Cure" Gems Which Suffer From Variety Of Ailments

Miss Constance and Miss Ethel Alton are pearl doctors. Every year pearls worth many thousands of pounds pass through their hands and they cure them of all sorts of diseases. "Pearls suffer from a variety of ailments," said Miss Ethel, "and our job is to restore their lustre when they go a bit off colour. Pearls are like onions—they have several skins. Sometimes we skin them. It decreases their weight a bit, but the new lustre makes them more valuable. Sometimes pearls develop spots, often so many that they look as if they had an attack of measles. These we have to get rid of by soaking them in various solutions." Jewellers and dealers in all parts of the world send sick pearls to the tiny "hospital" where these clever girls run in Hutton Garden.

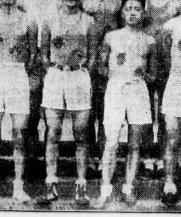
Other Men's Shoes

Maybe the solution of the present economic problem will be found by the farmer moving to the city and the city people moving to the country. Each crowd knows so much better what ought to be done in the other place.

A man injures himself every time he wrengs another.

CHINESE TRACK ATHLETES THRIVING

This picture was taken at Chengtu, China, and shows the track and field team of Christian University, winners of the second of the Szechwan Athletic meet. The two men who are largely responsible for the great development in track and field sports in China are Rev. G. W. Sparling (left), formerly of the University of Toronto, and Rev. F. Dickinson (right), formerly of Mount Allison University, New Brunswick, who acts as coach.



May Not Be Cure-All

But Mr. Barnjum's Advice To Plant Trees Sounds Reasonable

Frank J. D. Barnjum, well known authority and seal in the matter of afforestation and soil moisture, in a letter to Hon. J. F. Ryan, Provincial Minister of Public Works and chairman of the Saskatchewan Drouth Commission, offers advice that, it would seem, might well be heeded by every farmer in Saskatchewan and by the province as a whole. He says: "Plant trees and still more of them; start planting, and keep on planting." He tells of a personal visit he made to the drouth areas of Southern Saskatchewan in the summer of this year. He tells of finding farmers who had trees about their places having good crops while farmers living "next door" who had no trees had ground that did not yield a blade of grass. Mr. Barnjum sees no hope for Saskatchewan if we go in for tree planting, for he conceives us the first soil in the world. But he says trees are our only hope. The merit of trees on the farm, he points out, is that they invite moisture and prevent soil drifting.

Trees may not be a cure-all for our soil troubles, but they have something to say to us—Regina Leader-Post (Evening).

Earl May Disperse

White Cattle Herd

Have Been Maintained In Chillingham Park For Seven Hundred Years

Whether present financial conditions will cause the dispersal of the famous Northumberland white cattle herd, the only pure descendants of the original British wild ox, is discussed by the Earl of Tankerville, the baronet, in an issue of The Field, London, England.

"The wild cattle, now about forty-four in number, have been in Chillingham Park for some 700 years," the Earl writes. "They have been left entirely to themselves, beyond being given certain extra hay in winter, and no extraneous blood has ever been introduced."

"Now a crisis is looming up, for although the herd is maintained by me at a cost of about 7 or 8 pounds sterling per head annually either for the sake of national and scientific interest, it is regarded by the inland revenue authorities as a personal luxury, and no deduction of taxation whatever is allowed in respect of its upkeep."

He expresses the hope that some organization will volunteer to assume maintenance of the herd and states his willingness to turn it over to the nation.

Canada's Copper Industry

Though copper may sell at a comparatively low price during the next few years, and production will be confined to companies which can produce at low cost, Canada will play a large part in the world's copper puzzle now that she has in the past, declared A. H. R. Richards, general manager of the Tacoma, Wash., smelter, in an address to the delegates attending the annual western meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy at Vancouver.

According to a report of the Department of Roads, tourists spent fifty million dollars in the province of Quebec during the summer months of 1931.

Marrying for money is better than dying in poverty—some time.

As a general rule, the weaker the argument the stronger the language.

Radio Beacon System For West

Stations Now Equipped For Guidance Of Air Mail Pilots

The exciting air-mail beacon system on the prairie air-mail route is now completed and in operation. It has been learned from Capt. W. L. Laurie, of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals.

The radio beacon stations at Lethbridge and Red Deer, Alberta, the two remaining links in the chain which will guide pilots of Canadian Airways in their flight across the prairies from Winnipeg to Edmonton have been put into operation successfully. It is estimated that it cost \$60,000 to equip each one of these stations. Others have been in operation for some time at Forest, Man., and Regina and Maple Creek, Sask.

The stations are linked by teletype from Winnipeg to Edmonton via Lethbridge and Red Deer. The system is equipped with weather information of inestimable value. A number of Canadian Airways' planes are already being equipped with the radio signal and the service was reported operating almost perfectly as a result. The radio beacon system sends out signals which are picked up by the speeding planes and used as a path along which the pilot flies his ship. The signals are interpreted at 10 minute intervals with weather reports.

To Combat Drouth

National Research Council To Concentrate On Drouth-Resistant Wheat

Scientists of Canada are seeking to have the most fearful destroyer of the Canadian wheat crops—drouth. The grain research committee of the national research council, which concluded two days of session at Winnipeg recently, is drawing up a program of studies on drouth-resistant wheats.

Efforts to combat drouth with scientific knowledge come after a crop season when a searing sun and drought have destroyed some 100,000 acres of wheat lands on the southern prairies. Centred in southern Saskatchewan, last summer's drouth cut the wheat province's wheat yield from 197,000,000 bushels in 1930 to 117,000,000 or less in 1931. The wheat yield in the "wheat province" this year with a crop placed at 132,000,000 bushels, is estimated to have had 2,000,000 acres by drouth as compared to some 9,000,000 acres in Saskatchewan. Manitoba was least troubled of the prairie provinces by dry conditions, listing only about 710,000 drouth-affected acres.

Exporting Horse Meat

Chance Remark Of French Army Officer Started Big Industry

A chance remark dropped by a French army officer on a buying trip to the United States during the World War, led to the establishment of what rates as the world's largest horse meat packing plant. Rejecting the idea that as too small for war purposes, the officer remarked that it was a pity they could not be used for food in his country. This started an enterprising American to investigate the possibilities, with the result that he has built up a substantial export market. Considerable horse meat is being used for food purposes by the middle classes of France, Holland, Italy, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. This American makes no attempt to sell horse meat as human food in this country, where the United States law places it in the same category as cat, sheep and swine. He has, however, forgot to lead in the American dog food industry. Last year his plant handled approximately 60,000 animals, for the most part wild range horses.

However, things could be a whole lot worse. Suppose you were born old had to look forward to growing young and silly.



"You are drunk. What will your wife say when you go home?"

"The question is what I shall say," Kasper, Stockholm.



MAGISTRATE: "Six weeks' hard labor."
PRISONER: "See you!"
MAGISTRATE: "Six months."—The Passing Show, London, England.

WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

Direction and control of the Mint located at Ottawa, was assumed officially by Canada December 1.

British Columbia, through its legislature, will be urged to adopt state health insurance next year by the Health Insurance Commission.

Voluntary contributions to the Canadian Red Cross for this year have been larger than for any year since the war.

As a memorial to Christopher Columbus a great lightship shaped like a cross is to be built on the island of San Domingo.

Hundreds of Great War prisoners still are held in Siberian labor camps, according to Giuseppe Girardi, an Austrian soldier, who has just escaped after 16 years' incarceration.

A group of Chicago engineers have developed a "radically different" aeroplane weighing only 475 pounds empty which they think will eventually sell for \$1,000.

A beam of light from the star Arcturus, 25 trillion miles from the earth, will produce the impulse, through a photo-electric cell, that will open Chicago's 1933 World's Fair.

The National Service Loan was remarkably successful. It is estimated if the lists had been kept open another week there would have been subscribed \$400,000,000.

The British Admiralty has resolved in the interests of economy that the system which has been pretty generally followed of promoting officers upon retirement, or afterwards, shall be abolished.

An X-ray tube, taking a snap-shot in one-thousandths of a second, has made its debut at St. Louis, Montana. Dino Grandi, Italian Foreign Minister, stated Italy would give full support to the disarmament conference at Geneva in February.

Newfoundland's New Stamp
Princess Elizabeth's photograph will appear on a stamp for the first time when a new issue of Newfoundland postage stamps is issued on January 2, 1932. The portrait of the Duke of York's daughter will be used on a six-cent stamp.

Last year Canada's lobster fishery yielded a catch of over 40,726,000 pounds and was second only to the salmon fishery in point of market return, the value being \$3,215,000.

Glass of a greenish yellow hue is invented in Germany for greenhouses has led to admit a light that speeds germination of seeds planted underneath it.

The dog has his day, the cat his night and the road-hog has all Sunday afternoon.

Ex-King Alfonso may take up ranching, according to reports.



Visitor: "You say your master is dead. What did he die of?"
Footman: "I don't know yet—I haven't asked him."—Buen Humor, Madrid.

W. N. U. 1919

Experiment Was Costly

Labor Government in Queensland Found Meat Business Unprofitable

A Labor government in Queensland, Australia, decided, several years ago, that the public was paying too much for meat, and plunged into the business. It purchased a number of splendid ranches and put government officials in charge. The advance picture drawn by the politicians was one of increased profits and cheaper meat. The actual results were enormous deficits and dearer meat. The final blow came with the sale of the ranches and the government was left with a total loss of \$12,100,000. And all the state got back when it sold out was \$2,600,000. The disastrous experiment in socialism cost every man, woman and child in Queensland \$10 more each in taxes.

Another Victim to Science

Second Montreal Doctor Dies of Mysterious Infection

Second victim of a mysterious infection picked up while doing research work in continental universities two years ago, Dr. Joseph Gallagher, surgeon attached to the Montreal General hospital, died Wednesday after long suffering. The first victim was Dr. H. Stewart, who died six months ago.

The surgeons, friends, went to Europe in 1929 to do some post-graduate work in London, Berlin and Vienna hospitals. Both returned with a mysterious infection picked up apparently in the course of their work. Both are now dead from blood poisoning.

Height Makes Big Difference

When you go to the top of the Empire State Building, New York City, the world's tallest man-made structure, you can see the sun rise a half hour earlier and set a half hour later than from the street level. That is the difference a height of 1,248 feet makes.

In the historic old German meeting house at Waldoboro, Maine, church services have been held regularly for 159 years.

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